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## AMENDMENTS to the CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) An adhesive rubber composition comprising 100 parts by weight of a rubber component and 0.1 to 3 parts by weight of a metal acetylacetonate having an average particle size of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, wherein the rubber component and the metal acetylacetonate are mixed at a temperature of the highest temperature reached during mixing at a maximum temperature of 140°C or less.

2. (Currently Amended) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said rubber component and metal acetylacetonate are mixed at a temperature of the highest temperature reached during mixing of 90°C or 120°C ~~140°C or less.~~

3. (Previously Presented) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 1, where said metal acetylacetonate is cobalt (II) acetylacetonate or cobalt (III) acetylacetonate or a mixture thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 1.

5. (Previously Presented) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 2, where said metal acetylacetonate is cobalt (II) acetylacetonate or cobalt (III) acetylacetonate or a mixture thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 5.

7. (Previously Presented) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 2.

8. (Previously Presented) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 3.

9. (New) an adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the metal acetylacetonate is 10 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .